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1. Military Barracks at Kummersdorf:

Guards at the installation were black-bordered red shoulderboards, partly with quartermaster insignia, and carried carbines. Most of the 1500 to 1800 men stationed here were tank troops. Between three and eight T-34/85-type tanks were used in training activities near the barracks almost every day. The truck drivers' school also engaged in daily training on a specially provided fenced-in training ground near the railroad station, with simulated enclosures and entrances marked out with strips of wood. Minor tank repairs were carried out in a small repair shop. The guard unit for the Kummersdorf bombing range, consisting of about 150 men wearing blue-bordered black shoulderboards, was also stationed here.

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2. Military Barracks at Rehagen:

Increased activity in the camp and better illumination of the buildings indicated the arrival of additional troops, beginning 24 August. The troops wore black-bordered red shoulderboards. The number of radio vans was unchanged.

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3. Tent Camp at Mellensee:

The situation was unchanged. On 27 August, two trucks arrived from the direction of the restricted area near Wuensdorf via Wuensdorf village, while three other trucks came from the direction of Mellensee village.

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4. Restricted Area at Wuensdorf:

Four trucks

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arrived at the restricted area from the direction of Zossen. Three trucks, came from the direction of Klausdorf via Wuensdorf village.

5. Airfield at Jueterbog:

On 21, 23, 27, and 28 June, the following evening exercises were observed over the approximate area of Jueterbog airfield: Four searchlights were focused on an object, presumably a towed target. Shortly thereafter, a number of aircraft blasted the target with tracer ammunition. Judging from the sound of the engines, the aircraft included both jet and conventional types. The deep humming of a conventional plane carrying three fixed lights was heard intermittently. This aircraft was circled or buzzed by jet planes, each of which was equipped with two wing lights. There was no firing during the latter exercise.

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